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# AGREEMENT ENDS TRANSIT CRISIS *Mayor Names 5 Arbiters*

By MICHAEL SINGER

New York City's greatest transit crisis was averted yesterday when Mayor O'Dwyer agreed to by-pass the Board of Transportation and appoint a special five-man Transit Committee to take up the demands of the CIO Transport Workers Union. The Mayor announced the understanding at City Hall yesterday afternoon following an all-night conference with Philip Murray, CIO president at the home of Gen. David Sarnoff, president of the Radio Corporation of America.

Michael J. Quill, TWU leader and city councilman, who arrived at City Hall with Douglas L. McMahon, president of Local 100 of the union, after the press had met with the Mayor and Murray, hailed the agreement as a "solution of the transit crisis."

In announcing that the TWU had withdrawn its demands for "sole and exclusive bargaining" rights, the Mayor revealed, however, that the new Transit Committee will be empowered to "consider and to make recommendations" on all the points raised by the union and rejected up to now by the Board of Transportation.

The TWU, in a statement issued following the City Hall meeting, expressed confidence that the new Transit Committee would "give us our long-sought right to negotiate for wages, hours, working conditions, union security, grievance machinery and genuine collective bargaining."

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The members of the new Transit Committee are:

Arthur S. Meyer, chairman of the State Labor Mediation Board, also chairman of the Committee; Judge Samuel Rosenman, close advisor to the late President Roosevelt; Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, head of City's Veterans Center; and Theodore Kheel, former regional director of the War Labor Board. A fifth member has still to be appointed, the Mayor said.

Murray, who left for Washington immediately after the City Hall press conference, told the press he had "loaned" his "services to the negotiations in the past few days in a spirit of helpfulness to avert the possibility of a strike and bring about a satisfactory agreement."

Seated next to O'Dwyer, the CIO president praised the efforts of the Mayor, Gen. Sarnoff and Quill in bringing about the agreement.

"I express the hope," Murray declared, "that the committee selected to study working conditions, wages and labor relations" between the transit workers and the city, "will develop a satisfactory report to end the possibility of a crisis such as the city is now passing through."

Murray urged the TWU members, "on the basis of this agreement," to start their job and "deport themselves with the requirements of the understanding" between Mayor O'Dwyer and Mr. Quill.

#### ENDORSE AGREEMENT

Two thousand stewards and members of the enlarged TWU joint executive committee last night enthusiastically endorsed the terms of the agreement. The meeting, at TWU headquarters, was jammed from basement to roof with loudspeakers carrying the speeches to people in the street.

Quill got an ear-splitting ovation when he entered the hall, and McMahon, who gave the report on the agreement, was cheered. McMahon declared the agreement gave the TWU the first opportunity since transit unification to win recognition as the sole representative of the transport workers.

He blasted the Daily Mirror, the Daily News and the World-Telegram as "dirty rags." From all parts of the hall, unionists called out, "Boycott those papers."

Mention of the names of the new transit committee members received applause as (Continued on Back Page)



**Protectors of Womanhood:** These Chicago cops seem to be enjoying their task as they push Lanny Ward, a woman striker at the W. A. Jones Foundry, into a waiting patrol wagon. Two other women pickets got the same treatment.

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# The Jungle Fury Against Quill

A hysterical campaign of slander was whipped up by the city's press during the past week against City Councilman Michael J. Quill, president of the CIO Transport Workers Union. Hate-incitement raged through the commercial newspapers against the leader of the 32,000 city subway workers and his fight for adequate wages and ordinary collective bargaining rights.

The most bloodthirsty of Hitler's henchmen never were assailed in terms as wrathful as the attacks leveled against Quill for chauvinism of his union members.

Loose-lipped attacks on Quill have led to demands for his removal from the City Council. Trustees of the City Club, an organization of conservative citizens, are charging Quill is in a dubious legal position as TWU head and Councilman. This, they hold, is a violation of the City Charter.

#### PRO-FASCIST MOVE

The American Defense Society, with the pro-fascist Messmore Kendall on its Board of Trustees, is circulating a red-baiting, anti-labor petition to get Quill out of the Council. It is sponsored in the name of the so-called Speak Up

America Committee.

The men they picture as Public Enemy No. 1 stands No. 1 among his Bronx neighbors, who gave him more votes than any other candidate in City Council elections last fall.

Ten years ago, Quill was a ticket agent in the Interborough Rapid Transit system here. Subways were privately owned then and men worked under miserable conditions.

Irish-born Mike Quill, a native of County Kerry, challenged the power of Wall St. moguls who controlled the system, and, with a handful of fellow workers, organized the union, which later won substantial wage increases and improvements in conditions for the men.

He is a member of the national executive board of the CIO, a vice-president of the Greater New York CIO Council and chairman of its effective Political Action Committee.

He was one of the first in the labor movement to recognize the importance of labor participation in politics, and was first elected to City Council in 1937 as an American Labor Party candidate. In 1943, he ran again, this time as an independent, and was top man in first choice votes, some 8,000 above his nearest opponent.

Quill is active among Irish organizations in America and has come to be known as an unofficial spokesman for the labor and progressive movement in those circles.

There he is known as a fighter for a united and democratic Ireland, an implacable foe of fascism and imperialism.

In the City Council, Quill fought for wage improvements for civil service, sponsored resolutions against Jim Crow, against the black market, in favor of child care centers. He has also worked simultaneously in the labor movement and



MICHAEL J. QUILL,

in his community to enlist popular work for the people and done so effectively. The commercial press smeared him in its yellow sheets, because he fought for the subway workers.

## Try 5 in Bloomfield Today On Westinghouse Injunction

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Feb. 26.—The chips will be down here tomorrow morning when five Westinghouse strike leaders appear before Chancellor Stein on charges of violating a court injunction restraining picketing.

Attorneys for the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, however, will go before the court armed with a fresh precedent arising out of an injunction proceedings in Pittsburgh Monday when Common Pleas Judge Walter P. Smart there denied a Westinghouse appeal for an injunction similar to the one already granted in the Bloomfield strike.

Due to come before Chancellor Stein tomorrow at 10 a.m. will be UE strikers Richard Lynch, president of the Bloomfield Westinghouse Local 410; Milton Weinraub, Americo Fiore, Stanley Newton and Emmanuel Del Guidice. Ironically, a Westinghouse attorney will act as "prosecutor" of the five, who were arrested during a mass picketing demonstration.

Earlier appeals by union attorneys to dismiss the charges were mass picket line of 700 defied a

denied by Chancellor Bigelow, who granted the union-busting injunction against the Bloomfield strikers.

Bloomfield strikers, backed by hundreds of members of brother CIO unions in the vicinity, have challenged the injunction. Last Wednesday more than 3,000 strikers and workers of nearby CIO plants jammed a picket line in front of the Westinghouse works.

Bloomfield's Mayor John Reed today showed which side batters his political bread when he issued a call to the county sheriff to step in and "maintain order." So far only minor skirmishes had marked the otherwise peaceful picket line.

#### Injunction Defied in Phila.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—A

General Electric Corp. injunction here this morning for the second consecutive day without opposition, but a showdown was believed likely tomorrow.

Spiking as false newspaper stories that a picketing "compromise" had been reached, Clayton Dechant, president of the GE-CIO Electrical Workers, announced the union would not discontinue mass picketing unless GE withdraws its injunction. He called on the Mayor to arrange with GE to settle the strike.

The sheriff's office announced yesterday that GE would not send in any non-union supervisors and executive personnel Tuesday, therefore he expected the CIO to discontinue mass picketing. His expectations about the CIO proved false. While phony newspaper stories did cut down the turnout, Tuesday's picket line remained powerful, with steel and tobacco unionists joining Westinghouse, GE and other electrical locals.

A dozen police stood quietly by but there were reports that they would be called out in force Wednesday.

## Soviet Peasant Relates Mass Slaying by Nazis

By DOUGLAS WERNER

NUERNBERG, Feb. 26 (UP).—A Russian peasant spokesman for millions of humble people who suffered under the Nazis, told on the witness stand at the war crimes trial how the German army all but wiped out the men, women and children of his village.

Wearing a blue suit and a turtle-necked sweater, with his trousers stuffed into high leather Russian boots, Jacob Grigoriev, 47, started his story quietly under questioning by Soviet prosecutor Leo N. Smirnov. But he scowled and clenched his hands as he told the details of the murder of his wife, two of his three sons and the rest of the people in the village.

Grigoriev told of how he and two of his sons were taken to one of two murder houses on the edge of his village.

"I am looking out of the window," he said as if he still saw the picture. "The Germans are driving a big crowd of people in front of them. I notice my wife and my youngest son, Peter. He was nine years old. They drive them up to the house but not inside, and then they drive them away."

"Then they line us up against the wall, me, my two sons and 16 others. Three Germans soldiers start spraying us with machine guns. When the shooting began I fell on the floor, out of fright. I did not move. When the Ger-

mans were through shooting they left. I saw not far from me my oldest boy, Nicholas. He was lying face down. I could not see my other son. I tried to disentangle myself from my neighbor who was lying on me. I began to shout. My little son Alexis recognized my voice, he said:

"Papa, are you still alive? I'm badly hurt." He was shot in the leg.

"The house begins to burn, and my son and I get out of the window. While we were trying to climb the fence the Germans shoot at us. My son hid in the bushes and crawled to the next village next day. I ran and escaped."

The second day after the shooting Grigoriev learned that his wife was burned alive in the second murder house in the village. His son Peter escaped but died of wounds.

The village was in the Pskow area. The murders were perpetrated Oct. 28, 1943. Forty-seven persons, almost the whole population, died. The oldest person the Germans killed was a woman of 108 years, the youngest a baby of four months."

CAIRO, Feb. 26 (UP).—All Egyptian lawyers struck today in protest against British machine-gunning of Egyptian demonstrators last Thursday. The courts adjourned for the day.

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—Lord Addison, leader of the House of Lords, told members today of the British protest disclosed in Cairo yesterday, and declared the British charge d'affaires there has been instructed to demand punishment of the guilty, compensation for damage and reassurances for the future.

"The British Government," Lord Addison said, "took a serious view of these outrages, coming as they did at a time when they had expressed their intention of meeting the Egyptian demands for review of treaty relations between the two countries."

## Eyes on Transit

### An Editorial

THE New York transport workers, as a result of the terms agreed upon yesterday, will come out with substantial gains.

The union proposed arbitration in the first place. It has a case so powerful that no group claiming to be impartial could possibly turn down most of the union's demands.

The mayor's committee of five headed by Arthur S. Meyer, who has often served as arbitrator, will be generally regarded as a board of arbitration.

The Transport Workers Union's members can well congratulate themselves for having beaten as vicious an anti-union lynch campaign as was ever tried in this city.

As a result:

The conspiracy of the reactionary union-busters who picked the TWU for their central target was exposed and defeated.

The case of the transport workers was brought to the people so emphatically that every fair-minded New Yorker is now conscious of their grievances.

The union has won popular support for its fight.

The TWU is now much stronger than it has ever been.

The handful of disrupters among the transport workers, the tools of John L. Lewis, were exposed as just plain scabs.

The union withdrew its demand for sole collective bargaining. It is not pressing this point because of the legal impasse that some forces in the city have deliberately created so as to obscure the demands for a \$2 raise and other improvements.

The basic struggle of smashing through the concept that civil service replaces collective bargaining has still to be fought out, and we hope with the united strength of all workers similarly affected.

But the TWU places much hope on its demand for an election, which by secret ballot will show the city of New York, once and for all, who really speaks for the transport workers. The scab groups will as a consequence just have to shut up and keep their noses out of the picture.

Above all, the TWU puts its confidence in the people of New York, whose popular support has on many occasions been so helpful. This support must continue without let-up.

Every New Yorker now knows that the men who operate the most efficient transit system in the country are receiving at least 25 percent less in wages than workers doing similar work in other cities.

No New Yorker wants his government to be a "chiseling" employer.

As the mayor's commission meets, it should know that millions are watching it.

### Assembly Passes Dewey Budget

ALBANY, Feb. 26 (UP).—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's \$555,000,000 state budget program for 1946-47 was passed today by the Assembly.

The vote was 89 to 51. The negative votes were cast by the Democratic minority and the one American Labor Party member.

### Pittsburgh Light Strike to Resume Today

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 26 (UP).—A strike of 3,400 power company employees was set to start at one minute past midnight tonight.

Last-minute mediation conferences were being carried on in the office of Mayor David L. Lawrence.

The independent union suspended its strike of two weeks ago after 20 hours, and agreed to mediation. But when mediation failed, the union again called the strike.

# Davis and Isaacson Bills Ask Dewey Action on Freeport

Gov. Dewey was asked to intercede in the Freeport case, involving the killing of two Negro brothers, in a resolution introduced in the City Council yesterday by Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Manhattan Communist.

A similar resolution was introduced at the same time in the State Legislature by Assemblyman Leo Isaacson, Bronx ALP.

Both resolutions charge Nassau County District Attorney, the Grand Jury and Freeport officials with "whitewashing" Patrolman Romelka, policeman who shot to death in cold blood Pfc. Charles R. Ferguson and his brother Alfonzo and wounded a third brother, U. S. Navy Seaman Joseph Ferguson, Feb. 5.

The resolutions ask the Governor to supersede Gehrig with a prosecutor who will vigorously present evidence of the killing before a special Grand Jury of both white and Negro citizens.

The Davis resolution was sent to the Council's committee on rules, headed by Councilman Walter R. Hart, Brooklyn Democrat.

Minority Leader Genevieve B. Earle, Brooklyn Republican, told the Daily Worker yesterday she would give whatever aid possible to indemnify families of the slain Negroes.

Assemblyman Isaacson said he introduced his resolution at the request of 500 young New Yorkers who met in the Assembly chamber under the auspices of the American Youth for Democracy.

His resolution stated that refusal of Gus Scholakis, lunchroom proprietor, to serve the Ferguson brothers, precipitated the shooting. It attacked "the pattern of Jimcrow segregation in the schools of Freeport."

#### CACCHIONE AT RALLY

Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, at a protest rally in the Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, linked the slaying of the Ferguson brothers with the imperialist drive for a third world war.

"The fascists," he added, "always ride to power on the backs of minority groups."

Also addressing the parley were: Whitney Parker, of the Brooklyn Veterans Organizing Committee; Fred Turner, president of the Brooklyn National Association for Advancement of Colored People; Rev. Frederick Douglass Doodall, pastor of the church, and Thomas R. Jones, chairman of the Veterans Organizing Committee.

The United Packinghouse Workers of America, CIO, District Six, announced it would hold a joint protest rally on the Ferguson case with the National Negro Congress Saturday at 2 p.m., at Werdermann Hall, Third Ave., between 15 and 16 Sts.

## Senate School Lunch Bill Voted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (UP).—The Senate today passed and returned to the House a bill authorizing the Federal Government to contribute \$100,000,000 annually to state-operated free school lunch programs for needy children.

The amount is double that provided in the House version approved last week.

The Senate also authorized a maximum of \$15,000,000 yearly to assist states in providing lunchroom facilities and nutrition education programs. A similar provision was stricken from the House bill.

Both measures bar aid to schools or states discriminating against children on the basis of race, creed or color.

## Krug Nominated For Ickes' Job



WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UP).—

J. A. Krug, Wisconsin power expert, who was chairman of the War Production Board in its final year, was nominated today by President Truman as Secretary of Interior, to succeed Harold L. Ickes.

Krug's appointment, subject to Senate confirmation, came as a surprise, inasmuch as his name had not figured in speculation for the job just before Mr. Truman made the announcement at a press conference.

Ickes quit two weeks ago after a dispute with Truman over the President's nomination of Edwin W. Pauley to be Undersecretary of the Navy.

# France Seals Border with Franco Spain

PARIS, Feb. 26 (UP).—The French government unanimously voted an economic boycott of Spain today and ordered the French-Spanish frontier closed to all traffic beginning at 12:01 a.m., Friday. The action was taken at a turbulent four and one-half hour cabinet session.

The Spanish situation will be referred to the United Nations Security Council, the cabinet decided, and pressure will be renewed on the United States and Great Britain to join France in breaking all diplomatic relations with the Franco regime.

The official government communique, issued at the end of the cabinet meeting, said the Spanish situation involved "dangers to international security."

The newspaper France-Soir reported without confirmation large-scale troop movements across the Spanish border.

A France-Soir dispatch from Biarritz said strong contingents had arrived at Elizondo and Pamplona and that a regiment of Spanish Moroccans, whose tribesmen fought under Franco's command in the Civil War, was quartered at San Sebastian last night.

Official French sources believed there were 1,000,000 men under arms in Spain.

Communists, Socialists, trade unions and almost the entire left-

## Maquis Hero Seized, Tortured in Madrid

By FRANCISCO ANTON

Wireless to the Daily Worker

TOULOUSE, France, Feb. 26.—Antonio Munoz, a leader of the Spanish Maquis in France, was arrested yesterday in Madrid, it was learned here.

He was taken to the prison of Alcala de Henares and tortured. He is in imminent danger of being killed without trial.

Spanish patriots here urge all friends of Spain to mobilize democratic opinion to stop the assassination of this soldier of the United Nations.

wing press, who have been calling for a break since the execution of 10 Republicans in Spain Feb. 21, immediately renewed demands that France sever relations with Spain.

The government action came after a lengthy talk on the international situation by Foreign Minister Georges Bidault.

Communists in the Cabinet urged an immediate break, but were dissuaded by Bidault and his Popular Republicans on the grounds that action by France alone would be premature and ineffective, it was said.

Reports reaching here said French postal workers in southeast France already had begun stopping mail and telegraphic traffic with Spain.

The French Railroad Workers Federation, after resolving to suspend all rail traffic yesterday, issued orders today to suspend all freight movement.

The Longshoremen's Federation has banned shiploading, while the Seamen's Federations were said to be preparing an order asking all French seamen to refuse to transport merchandise to Spain.

Since news reached here of the execution of Cristino Garcia Granda, Communist who fought in the French Resistance movement, and nine other Spanish Republicans, the government has sought in vain to soft pedal French press clamor for an immediate rupture.

In London, a spokesman for the Foreign Office said Great Britain would investigate the executions, but reiterated that while "we detest Franco," his country had no intentions of severing diplomatic relations in the near future.)

## Gov't Okays Meat Wage Hike; But Orders Rise in Prices

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The government today approved wage increases of 16 cents an hour for the nation's packinghouse workers and announced meat prices will be advanced 1 1/2 percent. The Wage Stabilization Board approved the wage rise, as recommended by President Truman's meat fact-finding panel, to become effective as of last Jan. 26 for 95,000 employees in 134 plants seized by the government to end a two-week strike. The same raise is effective as of Jan. 26 for 36,000 white-collar workers in the same plants.

The meat price hike will take effect in about a month.

The WSB said that it had received applications to put the same wage increase into effect at virtually all of the other plants of the Big Five companies.

Stabilization Director Chester Bowles said increases in wholesale prices will be made about March 11 and retail increases "as soon thereafter as possible."

### Board Backs Pay Rise in Shipbuilding

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The Wage Stabilization Board tonight approved 18 cent hourly wage increases for the nation's shipbuilding industry.

Industry members of the board dissented from the decision, which was approved by public and labor members.

The conference had agreed on the 18-cent proposal after revising its rules to permit action by a majority vote.

## Kilgore Warns Nazi Holdings In 'Neutral' Nations Breed War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. — Sen. Harley Kilgore warned today that a new war threatens if the United Nations fall out over German holdings in neutral countries.

Kilgore cited the charge made before his Senate military subcommittee yesterday by Russell A. Nixon, former AMG official in Germany, that American, British and French authorities are conniving to exclude the Soviet Union from participation in the search for con-

## British Jail 5,000 Jews, Clamp Palestine Curfew

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26 (UP).—British troops seized 5,000 Jews today and imposed a paralyzing night traffic ban throughout Palestine in a search for persons who destroyed

the attacks were made because RAF planes based on the three fields "operated against our immigration."

### Dutch Dockers Stop Loading for Franco

By United Press

In Rotterdam, dock workers "have decided not to load ships for Spain and have called on their government to break off relations with Gen. Franco," CBS, reporting a British radio broadcast, said.

### First Returns:

Buenos Aires, Feb. 26 (UP).—The first ballot box opened in the presidential elections gave Dr. Jose Tamborini, Democratic Union candidate 97 votes and dictator Col. Juan D. Peron 66 votes.

The ballots were counted in San Luis, capital of northern San Luis province, the first to start counting votes anywhere in Argentina.

### Will Picket Franco Consulate Saturday

A mass picket line will be thrown around Franco's Consulate, 515 Madison Ave., Saturday at 11 a.m.

A call to the picket line was issued yesterday by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the American Committee for Spanish Freedom.

The two organizations sent telegrams to President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes asking that they protest Cristino Garcia's execution and take steps to save Santiago Alvarez and Sebastian Zapirain, whose trials are scheduled this month.

# Terror Bands, Guardsmen Invade Jimcrow Quarter in Tennessee Town

Terror struck the Negro community of Columbia, Tenn., at dawn yesterday, when 500 National Guardsmen moved into the Negro section firing riot guns. Ten persons were wounded in the night's disorder. Seventy-three Negroes and two whites were arrested, 12 of the Negroes charged with murder, after night-long battles in the Jimcrow Negro district, the United Press reported.

Mayor Eldridge Denham issued a proclamation late today to "all citizens of all races" asking them to be "cool and sane."

The district where most of the town's 3,000 Negroes live showed many signs of the battle. Not a store in the two-block Negro business area remained intact. Police had opened up with machineguns on Negroes barricaded in their homes, scarring the walls and shattering windows.

The anti-Negro violence began last night after a Negro woman, Mrs. Gladys Stephenson, and her son James, had an altercation with a white Navy veteran. They were released from jail on bond last night and told to leave town. The Navy veteran, radio repairman William Fleming, 28, was hospitalized but was not in serious condition.

The news service accounts of the events at Columbia are not clear as to the fighting which immediately followed the intimidation of the Stephensons. It is implied, however, that white bands roamed the Negro quarter, and that Negro vets and others armed themselves and fired on the invaders. From then on, sporadic shooting continued until late morning. The Daily Worker will carry eyewitness accounts as soon as our correspondent reaches the scene.

Lynn Bomar, head of the State Highway Patrol, led the Guards in a dawn raid searching every Negro building, firing through windows when Negro citizens refused to open their doors.

Bomar described the raid as "a success." He said his men fired into some windows and that their fire was answered by "two or three shots" from the Negroes. Later in the day, he spoke over a loud speaker to the Negro residents.

"There is not going to be any more trouble," he announced. "Every thing is all right. Let me see you smile. Come on, Smile. We're going to get things straightened out."

The first police raid into the Negro community was a dawn surprise attack that "caught" 12 of the alleged ringleaders of what is termed the Negro uprising. The others arrested were taken in the following raids.

A cordon of highway patrolmen was thrown around the Negro community at 7:45 a.m. and was responsible for holding back hundreds of white persons from what police termed the "danger area." Some of these whites had been out during the night armed with pistols, squirrel guns and rifles ready for trouble, but a great majority had locked their doors and remained quietly at home.

Rumors spread quickly of lynchings parties being formed. Negroes armed with weapons taken from German and Japanese war prisoners for souvenirs formed in large groups.

Less than four hours after the search began, more than 300 weapons had been confiscated. However, their owners were not arrested. The weapons ranged from ancient flintlocks to captured German and Japanese automatic weapons, including one Schmeisser pistol (Burg gun) and a quantity of ammunition were taken, as were Mauser rifles, and Japanese rifles.

Mayor Denham's proclamation calling for "coolness" came long after city police called on the National Guard for help and a battalion of 500 commanded by Brig. Gen. Jacob M. Dickinson and spearheaded by armour scout cars mounting loudspeakers, rolled into the Negro community.

## General AFL Stoppage Wins Houston Fight

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 26.—The six-day-old strike of 700 Houston city employees was settled today after 10,000 AFL workers walked off their jobs and marched on City Hall in support of the employees' fight for higher wages.

Mayor Otis Massey said the city would drop charges against seven strikers indicted today under an O'Daniel anti-labor law.

## 75 Families Move Into State Units

The Dewey housing program was launched when 75 families, in all, moved into the Fox Hill and Manhattan Beach installations.

The conversion of these former barracks has been in process for more than two months. Some 1,700 units were to have been supplied by both installations.

Delays in obtaining refrigerators and gas ranges are responsible for the delay, said State Housing Commissioner Herman T. Stichman yes-

## Ask 20% Pay Raise For Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UPI)—Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Secretary of Navy James Forrestal asked Congress today for a 20 percent increase in the pay and allowances of the officers and enlisted men of all the armed services.

## The Big Grocer's Lament

Virginia Dare Stores Corp. reports net income of \$185,077, compared to \$120,371 the previous year. Grocers are petitioning for removal of price control from 55 items.

## Assembly Votes Aid-Rich Budget; Isaacson Sole 'No'

By MAX GORDON

ALBANY, Feb. 26.—With Assemblyman Leo Isaacson as the lone dissenter, the State Assembly today passed Gov. Dewey's "soak-the-poor" budget.

Democratic leader Irwin Steingut revealed during the five-hour debate that Democratic leaders were "considering" an increase in the five-cent fare in New York City, and that they are planning to go along with Mayor O'Dwyer's tax program.

Isaacson charged proposed income and business tax reductions "give relief to those who least need it and prepare the way for increasing the tax burden on those who can least afford it."

His amendment to cancel these cuts was defeated by voice vote after his demand for a rollcall vote was ruled out. Not a single Democrat or Republican had the courage to back him. Several rank and file Democrats had privately expressed support for his position, but fell in line when the leadership cracked the whip.

Isaacson quoted figures to show that only those making \$7,000 a year and over would benefit from the Dewey tax cuts, while the O'Dwyer tax program would cost the average New York family \$45 a year. A 10-cent fare would cost the average family from \$60 to \$75 a year, he said.

Dewey's tax reduction, he maintained, would equal just about the

amount the city would have to raise to maintain its services.

Earlier, Steingut attempted to amend the bill to use postwar reconstruction funds of \$100,000,000 available for the cities. It was defeated 83-52.

Two New York City Republicans, Lewis Oliffe and Robert Crews of Brooklyn, voted with the Democrats and Isaacson for the amendment. One Democrat, Frank Emma of Utica, voted with the Republicans against it.

**GOP WANTS FARE BOOST**

Upstate Republicans demanded New York raise its fare.

Steingut refused to answer directly a question as to how he stood on the five-cent fare.

Steingut charged city GOP legislators with conspiracy to oppose the O'Dwyer tax program while upstate Republicans would furnish enough votes to carry it.

The O'Dwyer tax program will be introduced later.

Isaacson also fought to raise state employees' salaries \$700 a year. He was backed by the Democrats but defeated by the GOP majority.

Assemblyman John Quinn, Buffalo Democrat, fought for time and a half for overtime for state institutional employees, but was licked by the same lineup.

The \$545,000,000 budget passed by the Assembly included the Moore Commission formula for state aid to municipalities.

## Seeks Albany Health Hearing

ALBANY, Feb. 26.—Assemblyman Leonard Farbstein, Manhattan Democrat, said today he intends to press his demand for a public hearing on his compulsory health insurance measure before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee which has thus far buried the measure.

Farbstein cited a recent poll of public opinion showing that 86 percent of the people of the state were for it. Sixty percent of the people queried were from upstate and 40 percent from the city.

Farbstein was one of the two Democratic members on the 21-man State Temporary Health Commission set up by Gov. Dewey two years ago. The official report of the committee turned down health insurance. Farbstein and Sen. James A. Corcoran, the other Democratic member, issued a minority report.

Farbstein claimed the committee was influenced by the reactionary American Medical Association. He also said the committee had conducted its "study" in private, off-the-record conferences.

D. Mallory Stephens, Republican head of the Ways and Means Committee, was compelled to promise he would consider that next Tuesday he would consider the demand for a hearing.

Unless the committee feels public pressure, it may decide it is too late for a hearing, as the legislature is due to adjourn in less than three weeks, or at best it may call a hearing on a few days' notice.

## Quinn's Fare Rise Gets Boot

By a vote of 18 to 2 the City Council yesterday tossed into the legislative waste basket Councilman Hugh Quinn's resolution to increase subway fare.

Quinn, a Queens Democrat, talked long and vainly against a recommendation of the City Affairs Committee that his proposition of an 8-cent fare, or two rides for 15 cents, should be filed.

Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Communist, and Louis Goldberg, Liberal, joined with Majority Leader Joseph T. Sharkey in presenting the argument against the measure.

## Isaacson Balks GOP on Bill

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Feb. 26.—An attempt by Assemblyman Fred A. Washburn, GOP chairman of the Assembly Labor Committee, to kill the Isaacson-Fino bill to speed jobless pay for strikers, was balked for a second time today by ALP Assemblyman Leo Isaacson.

With four Democrats, three Republicans and Isaacson present, a majority of the labor committee actually voted today to approve the measure. Washburn declared it defeated through the proxy votes of the Republicans not present.

Isaacson protested, and Washburn withdrew the bill for later committee consideration.

## Clubs Hail Browder Expulsion

### Say Action Clears Decks for Building Marxist-Leninist Party

Widespread support for the expulsion of Earl Browder has been expressed in dozens of communications received by the Communist Party National Committee from clubs, sections and district offices. A wire from Detroit said leading Communists employed at Ford's unanimously endorsed ex-

The Eastern Pennsylvania District emphasized its decision to mobilize the membership, against the anti-Marxist ideology which has permeated our Party."

The Colorado State Board in endorsing the expulsion called upon its branches to initiate educational discussions "that will heighten the ideological struggle against Browderism, and its remnants still remaining in our ranks."

From upstate New York came endorsements by the Communist organizations in Monroe, Erie and Onondaga counties and the farmers branch in Spencer.

### IN BASIC INDUSTRY

"With the guidance of the Marxist-Leninist line adopted by our national committee under the leadership of William Z. Foster," said the Monroe County staff, "we have decided to concentrate among the industrial workers of Rochester. In this way, we feel we can best overcome the effects of revisionism and root the Party in the decisive sections of the working class."

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# Dubinsky Ties Strings to Relief for GM Strikers

By GEORGE MORRIS

With nearly a million CIO workers still on strike, a joint AFL-CIO group of Social Democrats under the direction of David Dubinsky has launched a campaign to undermine the leadership of CIO president Philip Murray.

Their strategy aims to develop a rift in the CIO with their man, vice-president Walter Reuther of the United Automobile Workers, being drummed up as the "foremost" leader.

An article of the current *New Leader*, Dubinsky's political organ, describes Social Democratic strategy.

The charge against Reuther for calling the 97-day old GM strike at least nine weeks too early is being answered with a charge that Murray "stabbed GM strikers in the back."

Those are the words the *New Leader* places in the mouths of unnamed strikers that were supposedly interviewed. Another striker is supposed to have said, according to the *New Leader* story, "I would not mind losing to GM nearly so much as I mind being slapped in the face by the president of the CIO."

At another point, the *New Leader* claims Murray said, "prices are none

of my business." R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW and other leaders are similarly attacked.

#### WORRIED FOR REUTHER

Recognizing that Reuther is under fire in his union for his "one at a time" and "jump the gun" strategy, the *New Leader* says that "there is danger that if the strike drags too long, it will weaken Reuther's prestige among his own workers, which, with the national convention only a month away, might have upsetting consequences."

For some weeks, Reuther's followers have been conducting an anti-Murray campaign in UAW locals.

This campaign is being waged among GM strikers although it was not until the electrical, packing and steel strikes were called that GM offered more than 10 percent.

A further indication of Social

Democratic strategy in the CIO came at a mass meeting Monday night at Manhattan Center where Dubinsky and Reuther were speakers. The meeting was under the auspices of a joint CIO-AFL committee to raise funds for GM strikers. This group is almost entirely made up of Social Democratic union leaders in the CIO and AFL. Support comes chiefly from shop collections by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Dubinsky, praising Reuther, told the meeting that steel, packing, GM electrical and other workers "would not have received increases if it were not for the GM strike."

#### HOOVER-TYPE RELIEF

While funds collected through Dubinsky's committee are substantial, there is no doubt of the hope by this committee that the plight of hungry GM workers could be turned to their political advantage—sharper division in the CIO. This is known as the Herbert Hoover relief technique.

The situation in the GM strike is serious. Large numbers are already on welfare and still larger numbers are down to their last war bonds. GM, too, is looking hopefully upon the situation and stiffens its demands for contract changes

that would jeopardize union security.

At a time when all resources should be mobilized for GM strikers, and strikes involving 350,000 steel and 175,000 electrical workers are stretching into the seventh and eighth week, the Dubinsky "help" comes in as a stab in the back of Murray.

The CIO is fully united on its general wage fight strategy, on the urgency of fighting for maintenance of price control and in opposition to the President's wage freeze order.

But Dubinsky, who now professes to be so helpful to the GM strikers, is discreetly silent on affairs among the AFL's top leaders. He sat in the Miami AFL executive council meeting as the CIO strikes got under way. But not a word came out of Dubinsky in opposition to the attacks upon the CIO strikes that have been coming out of that council meeting.

Nor did Dubinsky explain to his audience how he reconciles his concern for CIO strikers with the fact that he is associated most closely with John L. Lewis, who is now waging war upon the CIO.

#### Consumer Rally in Bronx Tomorrow

The Washington Heights Consumer Council will hold a mass rally for price control and veterans' housing tomorrow (Thursday) at PS 132, at 132 St. and Wadsworth Ave. in the Bronx.



DUBINSKY

## VFW Demands Michigan Bonus

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 26.—The Veterans of Foreign Wars appeared last week before the Veterans Commission of the State Legislature demanding a state bonus.

VFW spokesmen frankly admitted they reversed their former stand opposing a bonus after getting more than a score of resolutions from VFW posts. The legislature adjourned last week without acting on the vet-labor demand for a bonus, merely setting up a committee to study the question.

William Marshall, vet director of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, said the union will request the CIO National Veterans Committee to initiate a national conference of CIO vets in Washington to campaign for a national bonus.

Marshall also condemned the coldblooded neglect of vets seeking medical treatment.

## Foster Gets Birthday Greetings In City Where He Joined Movement

Party and guide it on the Marxist-Leninist course.

It is your greatest contribution—and a historic one—that under your leadership we have met and defeated the hostile-class ideology of monopoly capitalism smuggled into our Party by the revisionism of Browder, have exposed and turned

from his pernicious theories, have lifted the Party from the depths to which he dragged it.

And under your leadership we will wipe out every vestige of Browderism in our ranks and build the unified, strong, fighting mass Communist Party that is coming forward in the present struggles and will increasingly come forward to give political leadership to the toiling people of our country, to defend and

advance their economic standards and democratic rights, to help safeguard the peace and lead them forward to the day that will be a new birthday for America, when capitalism with its exploitation, oppression, and wars will no longer exist, when Socialism will be triumphant!

A happy birthday, our dear Bill, and many long years ahead!

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Elizabeth Gurley Flynn  
Josh Lawrence  
Steve Nelson  
Irving Potash  
Jack Stachel  
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Louis Weinstock  
John Williamson



**It's a Girl:** Bebe, the lady Hippie at Chicago's zoo receives a caress from her baby, who arrived the other day, two days overdue.



### — UNION LOOKOUT —

- Hotel Union Elects Negroes
- Labor Weekly for Chicago

By Dorothy Loeb

THREE Negroes have been elected to leading posts in Hotel and Club Employees Local 6. Charles A. Collins, former business agent, is now vice-president. Daisy George has been reelected a business agent, and Augustus Kerry, formerly employed at the Hotel Alamac, which he helped organize, was elected a business agent, too. Local 6, with 20,000 members, is the largest local in the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International.

Ken Eckert, a war veteran with long organizing service with the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, is the union's new national casting division chairman. He succeeds Edward T. Cheyfitz, who quit the labor movement to take a cushy job with Eric Johnston, movie czar, in Hollywood. The MM & SW national casting division office has moved from Washington to Cleveland. . . . Many trade union organizations are supporting a move to establish a new weekly newspaper in Chicago that will present labor's point of view. Joint Council 25 of the CIO United Shoe Workers there is inviting its members to buy shares, which sell at \$5 and \$18.75 each.

The CIO has designated William B. Taylor to head a new organizing drive in the chemical industry, opposing District 50 of the United Mine Workers and the AFL chemical workers. Taylor recently completed an organizing drive for the CIO Oil Workers International Union.

Census-bureau figures placed last month's unemployment figure at 2,225,000, with a rise of 320,000 between December, 1945 and January 1946. . . . John Gibson, former president of the Michigan CIO, has been named First Assistant Secretary of Labor by Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach. He stepped up when Dan Tracy, a former AFL electrical workers' chief, resigned. . . . More than 500 non-union engineers walked out of the big Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. in solidarity with striking members of Lodge 1125, International Association of Machinists. Engineers struck when the company refused to let them attend federal conciliation meetings so they could judge dispute issues for themselves.

At this moment of sharp attack by reaction, of heightened class struggle, all can learn from the lesson of your life the necessity for a burning hatred of the evils of capitalism, unswerving devotion to the struggle for Socialism, and the importance of never losing contact with the source of our Party's strength, the working class.

Since 1895, yours has been the path of steadfast service to the labor movement on every front of struggle. The advanced workers of America will always stand in admiration of your outstanding work as leader of the great meat-packing workers' movement in 1918, of the Great Steel Strike of 1919, of the mass organization and struggles of the unemployed in the 1930's.

Your pioneer work as organizer and teacher of the working class has contributed importantly toward the mass industrial organization of the workers in the basic industries, as realized in the mighty unions of the CIO, and especially in the mighty steel workers' union which has only recently been victorious in its great strike.

But your greatest service to the American working class has been tireless work over the years in helping to build our Communist

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# A Man Who Helps Unravel Anti-Soviet Web

By BETH McHENRY

Albert E. Kahn said he and Michael Sayers had to write *The Great Conspiracy*, because all of the research they had done during the past six years of anti-fascist writing led inevitably to the 28-year old plot against the Soviet Union.

*The Great Conspiracy*, described by one reviewer as "the sorriest, dirtiest story of all time," was published a couple of weeks ago. Kahn and Sayers spent three years working on it. Albert Kahn said they had expected to put in six months at it.

"When we got into the thing really," he said, in an interview at his office the other day, "we found that three years of work was a short enough time in which to unravel more than a quarter of century of anti-Soviet intrigue."

Kahn's partner, Sayers, is in London now, so the interview was limited to "half" the author. The pair have collaborated for six

years, devoting themselves completely to anti-fascist writings. *The Great Conspiracy* is their third book. First came *Sabotage*, then *The Plot Against Peace*. In this latest book their whole work reaches a new pitch. As Albert Kahn sees it, this is the heart of the whole thing.

"Originally," he said, "we had planned that the book should deal with the Moscow trials because they unfolded the first, only, full and comprehensive exposures of Axis intrigue. Then we found out that it was impossible to do a book dealing exclusively with the Moscow trials because in order properly to understand the trials, it was necessary to understand the whole history of anti-Soviet intrigue as well as the development of the Trotsky movement into an agency of the Axis."

## FULLY DOCUMENTED

And that's their book. It opens on the greatest event of modern times—the physical birth of so-

cialism—and then relates in vivid detail and with minute documentation the great conspiracy against the young new world that had come into being. As Albert Kahn says, it is criminal and dangerous for Americans and other people to remain in ignorance of the plot against the Soviet Union.

"It is absolutely impossible to understand the history of the last quarter of a century or the cause of the Second World War without an understanding of the conspiracy against the Soviet Union and which still goes on today," Kahn emphasized. "And one of the most important things about this conspiracy is that it is not directed against the Soviet Union alone but against the democratic peoples of all the world."

Albert Kahn talks as he works, with great energy, covering a lot of territory. He's young for his output. In addition to the books upon which he has collaborated with Sayers, he has written hun-

dreds of anti-fascist articles, lectured from one end of America to the other, edited the anti-fascist paper, *The Hour* served on dozens of anti-fascist committees. At present he is president of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order.

## A VITAL ISSUE

He lives in the country, works in the city and looks with amazement upon people who take the world for granted and wait for other people to help make things better. With the anti-Soviet intrigues and hysteria mounting again, Kahn thinks there is nothing more important than to let the people know what is back of it all.

"These elements spend 90 percent of their time conspiring against the rest of the world," he remarked. "They are the very same forces which led a war of intervention against the Soviet Union in 1918-21 and which since then have conspired unceasingly to overthrow the Soviet government. And they are the very

ones who accuse the Soviet Union of plotting against the rest of the world!"



ALBERT KAHN

## Letters from Our Readers

### Vets in Forefront Of Labor's Struggles

Milwaukee, Wisc.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

We notice that the executive committee of the American Legion's Wisconsin Department has decided to endorse anti-strike legislation, compulsory arbitration and other measures that the big corporations have been yearning for all these years. The resolution passed by the Legion body speaks of "fair play for all parties concerned." This "nonpartisan" approach does not conceal the fact that the Legion position plays directly into the hands of the most vicious anti-labor elements in the country—the giant monopolies that are now defying the American people and the government.

During the war, we veterans were fed plenty of anti-labor propaganda about war workers' "high" wages, etc. Today most veterans are welcomed back home to jobs that would pay from \$25 to \$36 per week, upon which they are supposed to readjust themselves to civilian life and raise their families. It is not surprising, then, that the veterans have not fallen for attempts to prejudice them against the labor

movement. Today the veterans are found in the forefront of labor's wage and strike movement, as the most militant and active on the picket lines in the auto, steel, packing and electrical industries. S. C. EISENSCHER.

### Progressive Artist Must Have High Standard

New York.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

A masterpiece of frustration was the letter from M. W. of Brooklyn, recently published in the Daily Worker. Our friend accuses Horace Grenell, music critic of being shallow and contradictory in his review of Elie Siegmeyer's latest composition. For myself, I thought Grenell's review unusually honest and constructive.

I am certain that Grenell had not the slightest intention of minimizing Siegmeyer's contribution to the growing understanding of our folk music which is today apparent among the general public. The criticism seems to be based on the fact that Siegmeyer, as a composer, has not worked to reach that standard which he has achieved as an authority on folk music. This is a technical rather than a personal criticism.

As Marxists, we should consider

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these standards very seriously. There must be a parallel between our insistence on the highest standard in the arts. It is, therefore, the double responsibility of the progressive artist to achieve as high a standard in his particular field as he already has in his political understanding. The standards cannot be attained if every honest, intelligent criticism is to be regarded as destructive, or taken as a personal offense.

### Friendly Cooperation, Not Huge Armies

Cambridge, Mass.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

The way to prevent war is not in making ourselves more nationalistic than ever with a huge army and a completely self-sufficient economy, but in friendly, cooperative use of the world's resources for the common good. A large army is not only wasteful but creates distrust of our intentions throughout the world. The world's finest resources

should not then be hoarded by one country for fear of war, but shared, thus enriching the world and creating a higher standard of living for the whole human race.

It is the government's duty to clean up the mess that the industrialists have gotten us into and not arm itself to the teeth for another war.

HENRY C. LINCOLN.

### State Law a Pretext Violating Seniority

Buffalo, N. Y.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

The Equal Rights Amendment may soon come up for consideration before the Congress and so we feel that the entire question of the status of women should be re-examined from a true Marxist point of view.

Women made tremendous gains in achieving economic independence during the war years, but they stand to lose them unless speedy action is taken to thwart the discriminatory practices that flow from the enforcement of so-called protective labor laws.

The New York State Hours Law is being used as a pretext to violate the seniority provisions of union contracts in the lay-off of

tens of thousands of women workers in the Buffalo area since V-J Day. These women will soon find themselves barred from all jobs at good pay.

Protective legislation when applied to women only is a misnomer; in all honesty it should be called discriminatory legislation and it should be rejected.

CAROLYN GORDON FOR  
FRONTIER CLUB

### Miner Scores Case Bill

Nesquehoning, Pa.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

During World War II labor on the home-front was time and time again handed bouquets. We astounded the world in production; we bought bonds and stamps; we contributed to everything. Profits mounted to untold heights; the cost of living went up and out of reach and yet wages stood still.

Now if the Case Strike-Control Bill goes through, I fear for the future. It will take us back a full generation. We shall lose our only weapon, the right to strike. It will mean the end of collective bargaining. Whips of different manufacturers will be handed back to the cartels to use as they see fit. This is the thanks, this is their acceptance in appreciation of services well rendered during the war. Patriotism is forgotten. Capital is gambling with labor's destiny.

AN ALERT MINER.

### Readers Should Not Speculate on Facts

New York  
Editor, Daily Worker:

One of your readers, writing in this column, recently referred to Mary Dillon, president of the Board of Education, as a "high official of the Consolidated Edison Co." and then went on to point out that Consolidated has discriminated against employing Negroes, Jews and other minority groups.

The Daily should not allow readers to speculate on facts. Actually Miss Dillon is head of the Brooklyn Borough Gas Company. It is true that this company has also been practicing bias, but your reader was not necessarily aware of this, and so went on to build what might have been a false case.

Miss Dillon said she was opposed to the idea of a Negro on the Board of Education. While she is obviously biased, I don't think she earned the Daily's description of "racist," as published in the lead to the letter.

P.R.

## Let's Face It

LABOR'S program is getting exactly nowhere in the State Legislature this year.

There is only a month left to the current session and the bulk of the specifically labor measures projected by the trade union movement are not moving at all.

These measures include:

1. A full employment bill patterned after the original Murray-Patman bill in Congress and applied to the state.

2. A 65-cent minimum wage bill.

3. Increase in maximum unemployment insurance payments from the present \$21 a week to \$25 a week, with additional payment for dependents and extension of coverage to groups not now covered.

4. A compulsory health insurance program, patterned after the Murray-Wagner-Dingell bill.

5. Elimination of the seven weeks waiting period for jobless pay for strikers and extension of jobless pay provisions to veterans on strike.

Three of these issues have been under discussion but only the jobless pay for striking veterans has been won—after a seven weeks waiting period. The reason the GOP legislative leaders yielded quickly on that is because veterans are involved and the veterans have been talking up.

by Max Gordon

Efforts have been made to work out a compromise on the issue of jobless benefits for strikers along the lines of reducing the waiting time to three or four weeks. At this writing, the GOP legislative leaders appear to have turned thumbs down.

As regards health insurance, Gov. Dewey's State Temporary Health Commission, which has been "studying" the problem for two years, has submitted a report which rejects it and which simply asks that current health services be expanded and that the state aid in building hospitals. This is in line with the Governor's own past utterances on the subject and it is doubtful whether he will follow any other course.

THERE is apparent agreement in top legislative circles that some form of extension of unemployment insurance to those who are sick is necessary, though the details have yet to be worked out. This would apply, however, only to those who get sick while they are receiving unemployment insurance. It would not apply to workers who get sick on the job, as labor is demanding.

The labor movement has, of course, proposed in its program many measures that are not specifically labor. Few of these are getting any serious treatment. One such measure will, however, definitely be passed. This is the veterans' bonus. It is, of course, another

issue on which the veterans themselves have been moving. But what is highly significant is that the leadership and the greatest activity on behalf of this and all other veterans' issues has come from the trade union vets rather than from the established veterans' organizations.

But even the bonus issue is far from settled. GOP leaders are considering a flat payment to all veterans instead of one on a pro-rata basis. The sum they are figuring on is a niggardly one and payment would not be made until after 1948, if present plans go through.

Clearly, unless there is some rapidly organized mass action on the part of labor, this legislative session, which could have been fruitful because of Dewey's electoral ambitions, will pass without any of the major reforms proposed by labor being realized.

Note that the labor issues advanced are a state counterpart of the federal legislative program for which the trade union movement has been fighting. Their passage would not only improve the position of the state's workers but would strengthen the fight for federal legislation along the same lines.

The fact that the GOP leadership in the state has turned its back on these measures is indicative of the Dewey stand, regardless of what demagogic he may use this fall to prove he is a "liberal" and a "friend of labor."

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## Spain in Agony

"THE world's last Axis dictatorship is still blandly operating in Spain," reports the New York Times correspondent C. L. Sulzberger.

"Franco's bullyboys strut in the streets, menacing those who do not give the fascist salute . . . and ripping down advertisements of an Allied tinge."

Fascism is crucifying Spain

Thousands of Nazis are working there against the United States. German spies and conspirators operate against world peace under Franco's protection.

Franco could not stay in power a single week without the tacit aid of the United States and Britain. His rule depends on outside aid, just as his sneak punch against the Spanish Republic could not have taken place without the aid of Hitler and Mussolini.

Pro-fascists in America echo the Hitlerite propaganda that Franco is a "bulwark against communism."

In Franco's case, anti-communism is a mask for the rule of the medieval landlords. British imperialist investors and war intriguers in Washington also want to save Spanish fascism as a base against European democracy.

Cardinal Spellman is using America's failure to break with Franco to give the world the impression that American public opinion here is on Franco's side. And this at a time when the Spanish people are girding to smash the chains of Franco's dictatorship.

France is ready to break with Franco. Its foreign minister states that he merely awaits action by America and Britain.

Thus, public opinion in the United States holds the key to Franco's future. It must be a future of defeat and oblivion.

The Communist Party in this country has urged public demonstrations in all the large cities protesting the murder of Spanish political opponents of fascism and urging the breaking off of diplomatic relations.

Spanish fascism stabbed America in the back during the war. It is stabbing us in the back today. Break off with the last of the Axis states!

## 'Race Riot' Lies

MACHINE-GUN bullets shattered the windows of Negro homes in Columbia, Tenn., Monday night as state police surrounded and terrorized the Negro section.

"Race riot" is the usual, poison-ridden phrase.

But "races" have nothing to do with it.

Any more than the Storm Troopers' raiding of Jewish homes in Germany was a "race riot."

The Negro people won certain democratic advances during the war against the Hitler Axis.

There are democracy-hating forces in the United States now determined that the Negro shall be hounded "back into his place."

But the Negro people are not going to surrender the democratic rights they won, however partially, during the war against fascism.

And it is the duty as well as the interest of every American, of whatever color or creed, to see to it that the Negro haters shall not succeed in their Storm Trooper designs.

Sen. McKellar of Tennessee was the Senate chairman who ruled against the anti-filibuster petition. His ruling supported the Negro-hating filibuster. His local henchmen cannot be expected to act otherwise than in the same spirit of racist hatred.

In 1946, the tide of anti-Negro brutality has exactly onslaught against labor through raids, blacklists, arrests and injunctions.

In 1946, the tide of anti-Negro brutality has exactly the same significance.

The Freeport killings must be brought to the bar of public opinion.

The Tennessee violence must be immediately exposed to the entire nation.

The crime of the filibuster in Congress must be rectified and race bias outlawed through the FEPC.

The fight for Negro rights is the front-line in the defense of every American's democratic liberty.

## HOW LONG?



## Every Man a 'Capitalist'

By ALAN MAX

As president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Eric A. Johnston has undertaken a Herculean project. It is to strengthen the faith of American workers in capitalism. This is a worthy cause—from the point of view of Johnston's class—but it is doubtful whether he can put it over.

In last Sunday's New York Times Johnson writes:

"Socialism aims at the idea that every man will call himself a Socialist. It ought to be our aim to make it possible for every man to call himself a Capitalist."

What Johnston says of Socialism can stand correction. Socialism is not concerned with what every man will "call" himself. In Great Britain millions call themselves Socialists but there isn't a speck of Socialism there yet. Socialism as yet exists only in the Soviet Union. It is based on the common ownership of the factories and other means of production, with no exploiters and exploited, with goods distributed according to the principle of to each according to his labor and he who does not labor shall not eat.

Johnston at least does not attempt to have every man BE a capitalist—only to CALL HIMSELF one.

Capitalism consists of the ownership of the factories by a few and the exploitation of the many who sell their labor to the capitalist and create his wealth for him. Johnston does not define capitalism the way we have defined it here. According to the head of the Chamber of Commerce, the distinguishing mark of capitalism is that under it men take chances. If this were true, the highest form of capitalism would be the race track. Actually, the highest form is a monopoly like U. S. Steel, and there chance and risk have been completely eliminated. In war or peace, in depression or prosperity, steel profits march on with boring regularity. And thanks to the tax rebate granted by a capitalist Congress, when U. S. Steel was shut down for several weeks by a strike it produced not a single ton of metal but kept right on producing profits. The only risk run by the owners of U. S. Steel is that

capitalism will not go on forever. Even that isn't a risk—it's a certainty!

How then does Johnston propose to include the working class in the great "adventure" of capitalism? The answer is good old "profit-sharing." Johnston says such a program is being planned in the four West Coast companies which he heads. Over and above the regular wages, there is to be a labor dividend based on 25 percent of the net operating profit before taxes and dividends. The purpose of "profit-sharing" is obvious—to put a brake upon the struggle for wage increases in return for a distant dividend which can be kept down through high executives' salaries and through siphoning off profits into special funds. Meanwhile the workers are to have their class and union consciousness replaced by an employer and speed-up outlook.

The give-away is the proposal to pay the dividend in a lump sum "once a year" (in case of a strike, the worker naturally runs the risk of losing his year's dividend—is that what Johnston means by the risk of capitalism?) Under a point system, each worker will receive his "just portion" based on such things as length of service and "personal responsibility." This is known as legal bribery.

Besides, since profit is unpaid labor, what is so virtuous about capitalists sharing it with those from whom it has been taken? Especially when the share is

promised only if the worker produces still more profit.

Along with the "profit-sharing" (under which the union, rather than the profits, is likely to be cut into small pieces) goes a system of "junior board of directors." The junior board (apparently an outgrowth of the ill-fated labor-management committees of war days) is to be APPOINTED from among the employees by the employer. It is a training ground for "top management positions, perhaps, indeed for membership on the senior boards." (Shades of Dick Frankenstein!) Real aim of the "junior board" is to fix labor in a junior place in America for all time.

Most top leaders of the AFL have always been for such methods of emasculating labor. Even the CIO has a few "junior boarders"—witness Walter Reuther's proposal to have wages go up and down with profits. (And of course the whole thing is right down Earl Browder's Teheran alley.)

With two million workers on strike in the past few weeks and with other big economic and political struggles still to come, Johnston's hopes for dulling the class consciousness of labor do not appear too bright.

The chances are far better for us Communists, if we build our party, to help sharpen the class outlook of American labor and increase the determination of the working class to achieve the "senior" position in American society.

## Worth Repeating

Speaking of the aspirations of the Puerto Rican people, Israel Amter said: "The Puerto Rican people have decided that they want independence. We can do no more than give full support to the aspirations of the Puerto Rican people. It must be clearly understood that the Puerto Rican people will not be liberated by their own struggles, but chiefly through the struggle of the American people, and especially American labor. It will not do simply to cut Puerto Rico loose and let her get along on her own. In view of the billions that have been taken out of Puerto Rico through exploitation and robbery by the monopolists, Puerto Rico is entitled to the necessary aid in order that she may establish herself."—Excerpt of a speech at the Conference for Freedom of Puerto Rico.

# Cut Soviet Unrationed Food Prices

MOSCOW, Feb. 26 (UP).—Two weeks after Premier Joseph Stalin's promise of an early abolition of food rationing and a general reduction in prices, the trade commissariat today announced the following reductions:

Bread, 57 percent.  
Cereals, 53 to 63 percent.  
Macaroni, 55 percent.  
Sugar, 33.  
Cigarettes, 50.  
Fish products, 15 to 30.  
Meat, 10 to 20.

As soon as the cuts were made public, the food shops were jam-packed with prospective buyers.

The new prices apply only to the state-owned commercial stores selling unrationed products. Basic rations were unaffected.

Town dwellers now obtain food

supplies from three principal sources:

First, state-owned ration stores where basic products are sold at low prices.

Second, state-owned commercial shops, supplying high-priced and unlimited quantities of unrationed commodities.

Third, public markets where peasants may sell their own surplus at any obtainable price.

Yesterday's decree applies to the second category.

Prices at the commercial stores are 50 to 100 times higher than at the rationed shops; yesterday's reductions are planned so that eventually the disparity between rationed and unrationed goods will disappear, and the rationing system will be eliminated—as Stalin promised.

The present average working class family subsisting on rationed products alone probably consumes a higher caloric content than is available in most European countries, but the diet is short of sugar, fats, dairy products and meats.

The new reductions are designed to enable even the lowest income groups to supplement the rationed diet by purchases at commercial stores.

## Soviets Hail Merger To Strengthen Arms

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The Soviet press today hailed the centralization of the armed forces under Generalissimo Joseph Stalin as a further step toward strengthening the country's military might.

Radio Moscow quoted the army newspaper Red Star as saying that the decree making Stalin supreme commander of all land, sea and air forces demonstrated "the care which our government and the Communist Party are devoting to strengthening the military might of our motherland."

"There can be no doubt that unification of all the armed forces in one commissariat will serve this cause," Red Star said. "Under the leadership of Stalin, our soldiers will continue to fulfill their duty toward their motherland incessantly and stubbornly strengthen its military power."

The newspaper described the forthcoming tasks of the Red Army as "watchful guard over the creative work of the Soviet Union and of the inviolability of her frontiers and perfection of the Red Army's knowledge and discipline."

The government newspaper Izvestia said the Red Army was "a mighty pillar in safeguarding peace among nations, in the taming of the aggressor and in prevention of the

carrying out of criminal plans of reaction."

"Under the leadership of Generalissimo Stalin," Izvestia continued, "the armed forces of the USSR will incessantly perfect themselves and develop for the dismay of the foes of the Soviet state, for the well-being of our people and for the cause of peace in all the world."

### IWO Drive Nets 3100 In West Pennsylvania

Thirty-one hundred new members joined the International Workers Order in a Western Pennsylvania drive just completed, the IWO announced yesterday. The recruits, mostly steel workers, coal miners, and other workers in basic industry, brought the progressive society's membership in that area to 24,000. Highlights of the campaign were a Slav cultural tour of folk music and dancing which reached impressive audiences in 22 towns and cities, and exposition of the order's own insurance plan plus support of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell social and medical insurance bills.

## Horthy's Ex-Aide Says U.S. Should Take Up Hitler's Chores

Tibor Eckhardt, Hungarian reactionary, has suggested that the United States ape Hitler's foreign policy and fight the Soviet Union, it was revealed yesterday.

Eckhardt, who came here originally as emissary of Adm. Nicholas Horthy, Hitler's Hungarian tool, is now conducting a lecture series at Georgetown University in Washington. A student at the Catholic institution made his notes of last week's lecture available to the Daily Worker. Here are Eckhardt's words:

"Hitler and Laval had a definite mission to carry out, and that way they were able to win the support of the people. He gave the German people a mission and a faith to work for....

"America too must have a definite mission. America should develop a clearcut, definite foreign policy... because the USSR has



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grown much too powerful. It should be America's mission to curb the aggressive aims of Russian expansion."

## Rap Support of Greek Fascists

Wins protesting their endorsement of the unjustified territorial claims of the present Greek regime, were sent to Sen. Claude Pepper, Rabbi Stephen Wise and Sumner Welles by the Macedonia-American People's League.

"According to the New York Times of Feb. 22 you have given your support to the newly-formed 'Justice for Greece' committee," the League

declared.

"The Macedonian-American People's League deeply deplores the fact that you should have seen fit to endorse the expansionist thesis of Greek royalists and reactionaries.

"These demands are but an attempt of Greece's ruling oligarchy to distract the attention of the Greek people, smarting under a reign of terror and oppression, by fanning chauvinistic passions.

## Mikolajczyk's Party Bars Election Unity

WARSAW, Feb. 26. (Polpress).—Vice-Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk's Polish Peasant Party has rejected participation in a common election bloc of Polish political parties in the forthcoming national election.

Leaders of the Polish Workers and Socialist parties, who had pressed for a common bloc, expressed regret at the Peasant Party's action.

A Workers Party spokesman, Jacob Borman, Under-Secretary of State in the government, declared that "as a result, the election will be tough, but the final loser will be the Polish Peasant Party."

The statement by Workers and Socialist party officials also condemned "bankrupt officials of the pre-September (1939) era" who, it said, are counting on disruption of the election bloc and the resulting confusion, "for return to the trough."

It added that "in this connection, we have to deal with the game played by elements abroad, and an attempt by these elements to influence political life in Poland."

## Williamson On National Tour

John Williamson, member of the National Secretariat of the Communist Party, is now on a four-week trip that will take him to the Pacific Coast.

Williamson is reporting on the recent National Committee meeting, and is especially helping to mobilize and prepare for the Party Building Campaign. He will address district conferences and membership meetings, and hold meetings of club and section officers, to discuss functioning of the Party organization, with the objective of improving the effectiveness of the Party in the workers' struggles.

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### Tonight Manhattan

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### Tomorrow Manhattan

CP VETS are invited to hear Max Weiss discuss "Strategy and Tactics and the CP Program for Socialism." Thursday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m., in the Henry Forbes Auditorium, 35 E. 12th St., third floor. Manhattan Vets Educational Committee.

### Coming

"NATIONAL MINORITIES IN THE USSR," topic of forum at School of Jewish Studies, Saturday, March 2, 3 p.m. at 12 Astor Pl., fifth floor. The speaker will be Max Levin, chairman of Board of Directors, Ambijan. This forum will be conducted in English. Admission 25 cents.

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## 12 Young Americans Tour USSR

### THE ONLY DISCRIMINATION THEY MET WAS AT THE U.S. EMBASSY

By LESTER RODNEY

A day of hard work helping Soviet youth rebuild the city of Stalingrad was one of the experiences recounted by members of the youth delegation of 12 which recently toured the Soviet Union.

The group spent six exciting weeks in the land of socialism as guests of the Soviet Anti-Fascist Youth Committee after the World Congress in London. Alice Horton of the United States Student Assembly answered the questions of the press at Youth Conference Headquarters Monday.

"We were all very favorably impressed by the Russian youth," said Miss Horton. "It's certainly a youth-conscious country. They are all full of hope and courage to do the impossible and show the world what they believe, that their system is the best."

In Stalingrad the guests decided they would like to work side by side with Soviet youth as a symbol of international youth friendship.

### "WE REALLY WORKED"

"We went to the Stalin tractor plant in the morning," Miss Horton recalled. "We were given heavy work clothes and joined a bricklaying brigade of young people who had come from all over the country to help rebuild Stalingrad while they studied.

"We really worked, too, toting cement across boards on the top of buildings for the bricklayers to use. We wore ourselves out that day but felt good doing it."

"We all had dinner together that night and got to know each other. One of the girls in the brigade,

Nina, had been at the front two years. She came back and looked for some trade she could learn, concentrated on bricklaying and became so good at it that she won an Order of Lenin.

"The Russians were a little skeptical of the amount of work we could do when they first saw us come, but Nina later told me confidentially that they thought we had done very well and they were all pleased and surprised."

Miss Horton said that all the young workers there were absolutely sure they would rebuild Stalingrad completely in five years, a mammoth undertaking.

Answering a question on the press Miss Horton said: "They told us that the press was run by the people so naturally it was free. They couldn't understand what they called misrepresentation in the American press about their country."

"They cited one article from one of our papers which said that the Komsomols were completely uncultured and didn't know anything about American literature. That wasn't true, as we could see. Not only do they read many of our authors but English is now the most popular foreign language studied. All of them say we must understand each other to maintain lasting peace."

"We asked the question often—given the two systems, socialism and capitalism, can we work out a basis for getting along? They said of course, we HAD to, and did it during the war."

"Great emphasis is being put on

education, she added. "We visited universities in Moscow, Leningrad and Tiflis. There's a big problem of how to combine more education with the rebuilding program and that's being worked out by the Young Communist League."

### DISCRIMINATION

Two of the members of the delegation were Negro girls, and the whole group was impressed by the full equality of all Soviet nationalities and their attitude towards the question of discrimination.

"We surely ran into trouble on those questions," Miss Horton recalled ruefully. "Someone was always asking us, what are you doing about discrimination, why do you have it, how do you explain your Jimcrow laws? The only discrimination we ran into was one time at the American embassy."

At a meeting with the Soviet trade union head Vasili Kuznetsov the delegates learned that returning vets were a major concern of the unions, who made themselves responsible for seeing that they got jobs they could handle and training when they needed it.

The delegates who returned include in addition to Miss Horton, Muriel Jacobson, Student Division YWCA; Elsie Graves, Industrial Council YWCA; Esther Cooper, Southern Negro Youth Congress; Olivia Stokes, Baptist Educational Center and Larry Day, Washington Federation of Christian Youth.

They will report back to their organizations on their impressions of the tour. A return visit by Soviet youth delegates is one of their ambitions.

# Surplus Medics in Guam Ask to Go Home

Army medics on Guam are working less than an hour a day, and are demanding a chance to cope with the desperate need "that exists in the States in Army and Veterans Hospitals."

A resolution asking for "a fair rotation policy for Army doctors and dentists overseas" was passed unanimously at a regular meeting of the Army Physicians and Dentists of Guam.

The Navy News, Guam edition, reports the statement of the Army medics "that their services are not now being used in an efficient manner and that they are surplus to the actual needs of military medical care on Guam."

Navy News cites cases of specialists not doing work in their par-

ticular field. "When the group was asked," Navy News reports, "if any doctor present was doing as much as a half day's work daily, only one of the 70 officers present stood up. He explained he was doing administration and not medical work."

The Guam medics recalled Gen. Eisenhower's promise: "Every man both abroad and at home, who is surplus to our needs . . . is to be discharged as rapidly as he can be processed." These needs, the physicians stated, "do not include made work and useless drill."

**Charge Welfare Council Shields Child Care Bias**

The Welfare Council, top coordinating body of the city's private social agencies, "tolerates widespread discrimination against children" for race or color, it was charged yesterday by the Citizens' Committee on Children of New York City.

The Committee noted that the Welfare Council has not yet supported a City Council law prohibiting public subsidy to agencies refusing to accept "a reasonable proportion of homeless and dependent children from all racial groups."

The charge was embodied in a statement criticizing Robert P. Lane, WC head, for "protecting" private agencies from criticism regardless of the result to children, and avoiding the development of "an essential public service for all the children needing care."

The Committee pointed out that the needs of all the children take the precedence over protection of the private social work agencies which have shown themselves by their selectivity to be "completely unable and unwilling to care for every child—the sick, the well, the white, the brown, the black, the smart, the retarded, the emotionally stable and the emotionally disturbed."

Commenting yesterday the CIO Social Service Employees Union said it had already pointed out to the Welfare Council that neither private agencies nor the city have assumed responsibility in the past.

"Only by tackling the child care problem in the entire city, both public and private, can discriminatory practices in private child care be eliminated," the union stated. "We believe that if this cannot be done with the co-operation of the private agencies, then the city is obliged to take over the job."

The union scored the low salaries and poor working conditions in many private agencies as an obstacle to effective work.

## Belgian 'Left' Wins Senate

BRUSSELS, Feb. 26 (UP)—Complete and official returns in Belgium's elections for provincial councils, made public today, indicated that the supposedly "out-going" left-wing coalition actually won control of the Senate by one vote.

The Ministry of Interior gave these results: Christian Social Party (Catholics), 1,048,936; Socialists, 812,813; Communists, 248,296; Liberals, 215,244; Democratic Union, 24,077; Liberal Socialist Union in Luxembourg, 33,392, and Independents, 4,377.

The left-wing majority will pay off when provincial councils will shortly elect 44 Senators.

They will be added to the 101 selected by the electorate at large in the Feb. 17 elections, and 22 additional Senators will be chosen on the basis of party strength in the Senate itself.

### Condolences

APPELBERG, Clara. We mourn the loss of our dear friend and comrade and extend our condolences to Joe and family—Al and Sue Murray.

## Coffee to Address B'klyn ALP Parley

Rep. John Coffee (D-Wash.), will speak on foreign policy at the Fourth Annual Brooklyn Legislative Conference at the Hotel St. George March 9, the American Labor Party announced yesterday. Other speakers listed include Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-NY), ALP Assemblyman Leo Isaacson, and Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel.

## Truman Commands USSR Arms Merger

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UP)—President Truman, who urged Congress two months ago to approve a merger of the U.S. armed forces, today congratulated the Soviet Union on unification of her armed services.

## Quinn Decision Expected Today

Union and parent's delegations yesterday prepared for the meeting of the Board of Education which is expected to announce its decision on the May Quinn Case today.

They expect to pack the meeting of the board, at 110 Livingston St., Brooklyn, in an effort to prevent a whitewash of the teacher who taught hatred of Jews, Italians, labor, democracy and the policies of the late President Roosevelt.

The board yesterday declined to say whether the case was on the agenda. Several organizations claimed they got the "run-around."

Wires demanding immediate dismissal of the suspended teacher are going out today to Miss Mary Dillon, president of the board, from Parents United Against Bigotry in the Schools, representing 5,000 persons;

the Little Red Schoolhouse; Brooklyn Committee Against Discrimination; Jewish War Veterans of Brooklyn, Crown Heights Community Council, and the Bedford-Stuyvesant Schools Council.

Assemblyman Philip Schupler (D-Bklyn) in Albany yesterday demanded that the Board of Education be investigated for "dragging out" the Quinn case for more than three years.

## 'Teen Age Cabaret'

Club Concord, affiliated with the American Youth for Democracy, yesterday announced it will open Brooklyn's first 'Teen Age Cabaret' this Saturday, March 2, at the IWO Center, 3200 Coney Island Ave., B'klyn.

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# In this CORNER

Much Work Still to Be Done  
re Texas AAU Games

Bill Mardo

It's been quietly rumored for some time now that Herald Tribune sports editor Stanley Woodward has shelved his Randall's Island track meet because the athletes themselves haven't supported the idea.

This contention was practically clinched yesterday when Eric Pohl, head of the South Texas AAU, told a press conference here that most of the Negro track stars involved have already decided to attend the national championships at San Antonio in June. Negro stars who will compete in the Texas meet, include: Eddie Conwell, Barney Ewell, Elmore Harris, Herb McKenley, Jimmy Herbert, Ed Dugger, Ed Taylor, and Dave Albritton.

The Texas AAU presy declared that attempts are being made to have both Negro and white athletes transported in a non-Jimcrow Pullman for the train swing south of St. Louis. Whether such a step, which would represent a great victory over Jimcrow, actually comes to pass will depend in the main upon how much consistent pressure progressives can concentrate against the AAU.

Mr. Pohl, however, was being rather naive about the amount of influence the AAU will have in Texas. For example, he insisted that the Negro athletes will be housed and fed in the homes of Negro families living in San Antonio. When pressed as to whether the Negro stars would be permitted to bunk in non-Jimcrow hotels or eat in non-segregated restaurants, Mr. Pohl again stressed that the Negroes in San Antonio are anxious to take care of that problem themselves, as indicated above. Which is so much malarkey and an attempt on the part of Pohl to minimize his own responsibility.

Another sour note is the fact that the meet will be held before a segregated audience in the Alamo Stadium which seats some 24,000. Pohl declared half of the stadium's facilities would be turned over to Negro fans, and the other half to whites. This Jimcrow feature of the meet can also be eradicated, in my belief, if the progressive movement wages a full-scale campaign on this issue. The fact that the AAU had to take a positive stand in regard to the transportation problem, bears this out.

We'll have more to say on this later. But the big point to remember is: For the first time in the history of Texas, Negroes and whites will be competing equally on the athletic field. This in itself constitutes a real step forward. Continued mass pressure can gain many more victories over Jimcrow before the AAU track meet actually gets underway.

One of the better basketball twin-bills is on tap at the Garden tonight. The red-hot and crowd-pleasing NYUers face a good Baylor squad in the feature game, while the opener pits hapless LIU against the ever-dangerous Demons from DePaul. And despite the almost certain probability that NYU and DePaul will emerge clean-cut winners—the very abundance of fascinating talent on the floor will make both games thrilling to watch from beginning to end.

All attention in the opener will focus on Mr. Big and Little in the persons of George Mikan and Jackie Goldsmith. For my money, and we admit there's precious little of it, big Mikan is the finest center-slot operator in the business.

The speed generated by this well-built stratosphere is quite amazing. No other pivot artist in the game today can get down-court for those rebounds with the agility of Mikan, and of course, the fact that he's able to maintain that torrid pace over the entire route makes him somewhat of a rarity among the other big men who hold down the jump position. Mikan's shooting is phenomenally accurate and consistent—and if anyone asked me to list some of the greatest sports feats we've ever observed, then surely included would be Mikan's 53 points against Rhode Island in last year's Invitation Tourney at the Garden. That, we'll never forget.

So it'll be DePaul against Goldsmith tonight, and despite dead-eye Jackie's superb flipping—the score in DePaul's favor should be as high as mister Mikan himself.

The Southwestern Conference champs from Baylor have bitten off a rather tall order tonight in their initial Garden debut. For indomitable Frank Mangiapane has inspired his Violets to an undeniably improved team-play, and we don't think that Baylor, its fine record notwithstanding, is going to head off NYU at this stage of the game.

## JERSEY JOE LOOMS BIG

Lots of interesting fight news to relate:

First, and most surprising, was the amazing ten-round win scored by 31-year old Jersey Joe Walcott over talented Jimmy Bivins at Cleveland Monday night. Walcott a father of six, came out of retirement two years ago and has since compiled a streak of 20-wins.

But the highlight of Walcott's comeback from obscurity was certainly the defeat he handed Bivins, the third-ranking heavyweight in the land. Walcott floored Bivins for an eight-count in the seventh stanza, and had a decided punching edge all the way. Bivins was totally unable to catch the sturdy, hard-punching veteran with any solid socks. It was Bivin's first defeat in 27 starts, the last time the Cleveland lost having been to Bob Pastor in 1942.

We've never seen Walcott in action—but we've seen enough of Bivins to know that beating him, let alone flooring him for an eight-count, is quite an achieve-

ment. And it'll be interesting to see how Walcott does in a return go with Bivins. If he turns back Jimmy twice, then my friends, it would appear that Jersey Joe Walcott is a man to be reckoned with.

Jimmy McAllister, the 25-year old Baltimore feather who meets Willie Pep at the Garden Friday night, isn't anyone's pushover. That was proven last October when he gave Pep the toughest fight of his life. McAllister dropped Wee Willie to the canvas in the second round of that sixteen—and the feather champ was still seated there when the bell rang to end the stanza. Again in the ninth, the hard-hitting Negro had Pep in serious trouble and it was all the brilliant Hartford speedster could do to avoid being floored again. The decision was a draw. So it shapes up as one corking return match at the 49th Street Swat Salon come Friday evening—BILL MARDO.

## Owners to Blame for Mexico Jump

By C. E. DEXTER

Baseball magnates, watching the disappearance of several important Latin-American players in the general direction of Mexico, have obviously been taken by surprise. But they really have no one to blame but themselves.

During the past three seasons, as manpower grew limited, many Cubans, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans and Venezuelans received try-outs not only in the big leagues, but also in the minors. The Williamsport club of the N.Y.P. league was almost totally Spanish-speaking, for example.

Early in the field in the search for able Latin-American players was Clark Griffith. In Alex Carrasquel and Bobby Estrella he originally obtained two average big leaguers, mature, aggressive and of real field value.

Slowly the practice spread to other clubs, with the Athletics and Giants nabbing several other potential stars. The Dodgers' sole Spanish-speaking luminary was Luis Olmo.

Luis is a handsome, pleasant young man who is a good right-hand hitter, fast on the bases. He has a weakness at bat, levelling straight away for the most part, which makes it easy for a smart pitcher to cross him up with a wide curve. But, all in all, he is major league material and would have been an important factor in Dodger play this season.

Luis, however, has two beefs. One is the fact that he was never treated with social equality. Leo Durocher did raise him unmercifully from time to time, but that is Leo's habit, as witness the blast he put on Howie Schultz in public in 1944, an incident which literally broke that young man's spirit.

The second reason for Olmo's disaffection is frankly money. Here that well-known law of laissez-faire economics, supply and demand, operates. Last year at this time, a first-class ball player could write his own ticket. This

### 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00 WEAF—Fred Waring Show  
WOR—News; Talk; Music  
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman  
WABC—Amanda—Sketch  
WMCA—News; Music Box  
WQXR—Alma Dettinger, News  
11:15 WOR—Tello-Test Quiz  
WABC—Second Husband—Sketch  
11:30 WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch  
WOR—Take It Easy Time  
WJZ—Home Edition  
WABC—A Woman's Life—Play  
WMCA—News Reports  
WQXR—Concert Music  
11:45 WEAF—David Harum—  
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindlahr  
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk  
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories  
WMCA—This Woman's World

### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00 WEAF—Don Goddard, News  
WOR—News; Hymns You Love  
WJZ—Glamour Manor  
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat  
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music  
12:15 WEAF—Maggie McNellis  
WABC—Big Sister  
12:30 WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet  
WOR—News; The Answer Man  
WJZ—News; Women's Exchange  
WABC—Helen Trent  
12:45 WEAF—Music of Manhattan  
WABC—Our Gal Sunday  
1:00 WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride  
WOR—Melitime Melodies  
WJZ—H. R. Bauknight, News  
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful  
WLIS—Clifford Evans  
WQXR—News; Symphonic Music  
1:15 WJZ—Constance Bennett, Comment  
WABC—Mrs. Perkins  
1:30 WOR—Lopez Orchestra  
WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch  
WJZ—Galen Drake  
WMCA—The Captain Tin Healy's  
1:45 WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News  
WOR—John J. Anthony  
WABC—Road of Life—Sketch  
WMCA—Studio Orchestra

### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00 WEAF—The Guiding Light  
WOR—Easy Aces—Sketch  
WJZ—John B. Kennedy  
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton  
WMCA—News; Music  
WQXR—News; Concert Music  
3:15 WEAF—Today's Children  
WOR—Monaghan, Record Man  
WJZ—Ethel and Albert  
WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch  
3:30 WEAF—Woman in White  
WOR—Queen for a Day  
WABC—Bride and Groom  
WQXR—Request Music

3:45 WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch  
WABC—Tena and Tim  
3:00 WEAF—Woman of America  
WOR—Martha Deane Program  
WJZ—Al Pearce Show  
WABC—Time to Remember  
WQXR—News; Opera House  
3:15 WEAF—Mrs. Perkins  
WABC—This Is New York  
3:30 WEAF—Pepper Young's Family  
WOR—John Gambling, News  
WJZ—Ladies Be Seated  
3:45 WEAF—Right to Happiness  
WABC—Landi Trio, Songs  
4:00 WEAF—Backstage Wife  
WOR—Better Half—Quiz  
WJZ—Jack Bench Show  
WABC—House Party  
WMCA—News; Western Songs  
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matines  
4:15 WEAF—Stella Dallas  
WJZ—Beautiful Music



Branch Rickey refused to raise the ante—so Luis Olmo hied off to Mexico . . . and that started the ball rolling.

year, the rosters are overloaded with wartime, prewar and rookie players. Most clubs still have no idea who will be on their opening day first line squads. And most magnates, taking advantage of this situation, are not raising salaries, except in the case of a chosen few who are big box-office.

Ordinarily, therefore, Olmo would stay in his tent, holdout, and finally come to terms. And it is common custom for magnates to shave down that first contract in the expectation that a little haggling, and a few concessions would leave them exactly where they planned to be, after pourparlers ended.

Now, however, Mexican money has moved in, offering Olmo, Carrasquel, Zabala—and of all persons, Danny Gardella—more than they could possibly expect to receive from the big leagues.

This is, in the abstract, a healthy situation. For magnates, employing a bilateral contract which has no legal standing but which is imposed solely because of the monopoly position of organized baseball, need a reminder that this free enterprise cuts two ways.

Of course, if ball players were organized, they could negotiate en masse for raises in times like these and thus not be at the whim of a club owner.

I'm not so sure, however, that Olmo is doing the right thing by himself. Unless he is using the Mexican offer as a tactical club, he may be making a mistake. For the Mexican league up to now has been semi-professional, which means that it can evaporate into the thin air over Popocatepetl, leaving the personable Luis hanging like a small cloud with nowhere to descend. Whereas, he is young, able and of sufficient proven ability to be able to enjoy a long career in American baseball.

On the other hand, it may be that Luis knows that even though he may be branded as an outlaw, organized baseball will not turn its back on him if he should decide to return.

In the meantime, Adios, Luis.

## RADIO

WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show  
WMCA—Jack Eigen, News  
WQXR—Lisa Sergio, News  
7:15 WEAF—News of the World  
WOR—The Answer Man  
WJZ—Raymond Swing, News  
WABC—Jack Smith Show  
WMCA—Five Star Final  
WQXR—Alfredo Seville, Baritone  
7:30 WEAF—Red Barber, Star Revue  
WOR—Frank Singler, News  
WJZ—The Lone Ranger  
WABC—Elmer Queen  
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh  
WQXR—Barbie Orchestra

7:45 WEAF—Richard Harkness, News  
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt  
WMCA—Sid Gary, Songs  
WHN—Johannes Steel

8:00 WEAF—Mr. and Mrs. North  
WOR—Can You Top This?  
WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner

WABC—Jack Carson Show  
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall

8:15 WJZ—Elmer Davis  
8:30 WEAF—Hildegarde, Songs  
WOR—Bert Lehr Show  
WJZ—Fishing and Hunting Club  
WABC—Dr. Christian  
8:45 WABC—Bill Henry, News

### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00 WEAF—Eddie Cantor Show  
WOR—Gabriel Heatter  
WJZ—Jersey City Philharmonic  
WABC—Frank Sinatra Show  
WQXR—News Review

9:15 WOR—Real Life Stories  
WQXR—Great Names

9:30 WEAF—Mr. District Attorney—Play

WOR—Spotlight Bands  
WJZ—Sammy Kaye Orchestra  
WABC—Play—Maisie All索thera  
WMCA—When He Comes Home  
WQXR—Musical Festival

9:45 WJZ—Chester Morrison—Stories  
10:00 WEAF—Kay Kyser Show  
WOR—Radio Auction Show

WJZ—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
WABC—Great Moments in Music

WMCA—News; Mental Marathon

WQXR—News; Opera Music

10:30 WOR—The Symphonette

WJZ—Betty and Buddy, Songs

WABC—Andrew Sisters Show

WMCA—Frank Kingdon

WQXR—String Music

10:45 WMCA—Musical Encore

11:00 WEAF, WOR—News; Music

WABC, WJZ—News; Music

WMCA—News; Amateur Night

WQXR—News; Symphony Hour

11:30 WABC—Invitation to Music

12:00 WEAF—News; Music

WOR, WABC—News; Music

WJZ, WMCA—News; Music

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# 'Daily' Readers Discuss Literary Issues

## HOW TO CREATE ART MEETING NEEDS OF TIMES

Dear Editor:

I believe the nub of what we should discuss is the independent role of the working class movement in our country's cultural life. To achieve that requires a Marxist approach to the improvement of our admitted shortcomings. Everything else falls into line once that is established. In the field of literature, as elsewhere, Browder had led to the abandonment of Marxism, and we must reconstruct those approaches speedily.

For writers aspiring to depict reality, to show men their true stature, face the greatest challenge of our times. The classes confront one another as the people move into the offensive; that offensive will surely generate the conditions for an upsurge of culture as the masses demand utterance of their needs, their aspirations, their search for a happy life that can only be won through socialism.

The Big Money is not unaware of this. Monopoly capitalism seeks to establish hegemony over every national endeavor, cultural as well as industrial. Henry Luce, for instance, is flashing his fat pocket-book before young writers, as are his associates in publishing, radio, movies. The battle grows hotter on the ideological, cultural front. To control men capitalism must win their minds. Hence the imperative need for the working class to battle for working class ideas, working class culture. Hence the imperative need for the vanguard of the working class to propagate its social science, Marxism.

This is the essence of the present discussion, which, once granted, permits us to tackle the many aspects of the problems in improving our literary work. Samuel Sillen put his finger on the issue. Advances with the working class or retreat into the camp of the enemy.

This is the rock-bottom issue, and we should guard against being sidetracked by questions of "sharpness of tone," "personalities," etc. (and, incidentally, Maltz did not speak in dulcet tones in his New Masses article). No, the issues are far greater. The discussion must be put on its feet, on a Marxist base. Then we can make quick headway.

The fact that NM presented the issue in the manner it did is one of the vestiges of Browderism. Browder continually sought to transform the movement into a sterile debating society, debating

—JOSEPH NORTH

## WRITER SAYS THESE THINGS NEED SAYING

Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Editor:

While I do not support the Maltz position (separation of artists and citizens), I must say that I emphatically do agree with many of the things he did say. I agree that these things HAD to be said and should not have needed to be said, had we not dwindled into such a sorry state of thinking.

I, for one, would like Sam Sillen or Mike Gold to discuss just what the position of the left-wing writer is in the class struggle. How is he to work for the people and also work for the trusts and remain an honest man and an honest writer?

Where can he have his things printed so that they will reach the wide masses and still bring the truth home?

Where is the left-wing magazine that will reach out a hand to fresh young talent in revolt and enable it to find expression and to grow along the path of struggle?

On the question of criticism we face a problem of utmost importance. Is it good art even if its creator has no political motive? Or even if he has a bad political motive? And conversely, is weak, sloppy work to be hailed as magnificent?

Maltz is suffering the growing pains of an American writer torn between the art and politics of the middle-class, the philosophy of pragmatism, and the art and politics of the working class, Marxian materialism. Farrell has already made his own choice, definitively; whereas Maltz is still fluent and flexible enough to develop rightly, provided he learns more about Marxism-Leninism, especially its esthetics. I for one, still have faith in his groping and confusion.

C. P. WEST.

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## Who's to Have the Weapon?

Dear Editor:

Standard Oil recently showed its collection of oils, water colors, and drawings, which illustrate Oil from home front to fighting front. It asked documentation from the painters it had commissioned, and the results were admirable picturizations of the workings of industry—from the drilling for oil to the alert GIs guarding the precious stuff.

It is understandable that there are many artists willing to accept such commissions, for painting has less of a tangible market in America than any of the other arts, except sculpture. Certain concrete advantages can be found through this patronage—the chance to travel and paint, new subject matter through change of locale, and also the certainty of prestige of a sort.

But I wonder if any painter who accepts such a commission would dare to paint the living conditions of the workers, a union meeting, a picket line—any of which might be seen at any plant to which he was sent. That is also documentation. It is just as much a result of Big Business as the great plants.

### MONEY BAGS

### AND THE ARTS

A foretaste of the resulting thinking from artists has appeared in an article by Thomas Benton, published in the Jan. 15, 1946, Art Digest, in which he has Big Business saying, presumably to the people, "... you have approved of and bought my stuff and made me successful and rich and I want to return some of this to you by supporting your cultural development."

It is obvious that the danger to artists from Big Business as an art patron is therefore one of bias. The artist will in his painting show one side of the picture only—that of the benevolent goodness of Big Business! Artists run the great danger of being weaned away from their base with the people to a smug complacency because they are asked to paint this idea.

However, neither can the artist produce work while living on a crust of bread a day, as is the romantic conception. The artist has his right to a livelihood in his chosen skill.

The suggestion recently advocated by M. Garaudy in the Daily Worker Saturday, Feb. 23, that "One hundred thousand copies of an original picture, paying the artist one franc's copyright a copy, for instance, yields him as good a standard of living as if he had sold the oil painting for 100,000 francs," is one that should be fought for here in America. Support given to artists from unions and progressive organizations, which at the moment is necessarily small, is another correct step.

Art IS a weapon—the Big Businessmen recognize it as such and are hurrying to ally the artists to their cause. As a weapon it can be used by either people or capital to the advantage of each.

GAIL KANE.

## SAYS SHALLOW CRITICISM STILL PREVAILS IN 'LEFT'

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have just read the first five installments of Sillen's answer to Albert Maltz's recent New Masses article. I have also read the Mike Gold blast which I consider a disgraceful performance. Even in Sillen's pieces, there was a hostility and defensiveness that I found hard to understand.

This does not by any means imply that Maltz's thesis should be swallowed whole. Many of its seeming implications call for a great deal of thought and discussion, and even polemic, if you will. But nothing is gained if bits are taken out of context, lined up and marked with a bull's eye to be knocked down. Particularly was this the case in Sillen's whole discussion of "Art as a weapon," where Maltz is made to appear to attack this slogan in its entirety and not in its narrow misuse.

### A CASE

### IN POINT

It also seems to me that he passes over the mistakes of present and recent Marxist critical thought, much too rapidly. Let us frankly admit that these mistakes are often glaring and that they still exist. Perhaps in theory, the shallow kind of criticism that Maltz attacks is a thing of the past. In practice, it carries on with a vengeance. Such criticism is harmful to the authors in question, to other writers and especially to younger writers, and it is also harmful to an audience which must inevitably become fed up with such criticism and refuse to read it.

Let me recall a case in point relating to a work in which my wife and I had some part, the musical comedy "Bloomer Girl." For a musical, it undoubtedly had many good and progressive things to say. And yet, for whatever virtues it possessed, the execution fell far short of the intention. In Sillen's review in the "Daily Worker" and in the "New Masses" review as well there was only praise. There was no mention of shortcomings. In fact there was no serious critical discussion at all.

But this is just one phase of the problem. Along with a log-rolling, climb-on-the-bandwagon approach to progressive writing, goes a frequent opportunist criticism of writing in general, in which authors are welcomed with too open arms when they have something politically progressive to say, and then are attacked too bitterly when they don't. They are frequently rewarded, frequently punished, but all too often they are not evaluated at all.

I bring up the negative side of things because that's where the correction has got to come. I feel this was also Albert Maltz's intention. As it happens I am not in agreement with him in the area which calls for greatest discussion, that is

### ON THE ISSUE!

Today this department presents the first letters to reach us on the discussion of the position and responsibility of writers and artists in the class struggle.

More letters will appear on this page Friday.

the separation between political and artistic appraisal of authors and their work. Also his position on Farrell and Steinbeck is poorly formulated and open to challenge. Still because a man is honestly wrong on very difficult problems is no reason to treat him as an enemy or a renegade.

The one thing we must all get out of this discussion is a magazine in which these questions can be aired and the truth thrashed out.

Beyond everything else, this is one area in which we can all agree. Marxist criticism, real Marxist criticism has a tremendous amount to give to writers. A lot of people have been calling for it for a long time. When is it actually going to be set up and started functioning?

DAN JAMES.

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# Most of Red Army Quits Manchuria

## MOSCOW INDICATES REST TO GO WHEN U.S. LEAVES CHINA

The greater part of Red Army troops has evacuated Manchuria, according to a Radio Moscow broadcast yesterday, which hinted that the complete withdrawal of Soviet forces hinged on the return of all American troops from China.

United Press said that the Soviet radio was citing Lt. Gen. Trotzenko, chief of staff to Marshal Rodion Malinowski.

The statement was made to correct reports in Chinese and American newspapers which have sensationalized played up alleged delays in the Red Army's withdrawal.

"All kinds of reports appearing in certain organs of the Chinese and foreign press about 'deliberate delay' of evacuation of Soviet troops from Manchuria are nothing but anti-Soviet fabrications of reactionary and anti-democratic elements who are trying to undermine the trust of the Chinese population toward the Red Army," said the Moscow radio.

Withdrawal from Manchuria had

been twice postponed at the request of the Chinese government, said the Soviet report, but was finally resumed on Jan. 15, 1946 and "continue at the present moment."

### Ask Soviet General About Machinery

A Soviet major general in Mukden, Manchuria, was reported to have told American reporters yesterday that the Red Army was removing some machinery from Japanese plants in Manchuria.

United Press cited Maj. Gen. Andrei Kovtoun-Stankevitch, the Soviet commander in Mukden as having told reporters that under the Yalta or Potsdam agreement, the Soviet Union was entitled to the machinery removals.

## China Rightists Stage New Anti-Soviet Parades

New anti-Soviet demonstrations were reported from Chungking and five other Chinese cities yesterday, despite a plea by Chiang Kai-shek that Sino-Russian friendship was essential for the peace of the world.

In Chungking the demonstrators, one third of whom were girls, were headed by the Kuomintang Party's Central Political Institute and Central Police Academy.

The Communist Party urged the authorities to ban the demonstrations, and Chiang Kai-shek, in a comment on previous actions of this kind, urged the Chinese people to "trust the government. We will not damage our sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Nonetheless, anti-Soviet parades staged by rightwing Kuomintang forces took place in Hankow, Peiping, Chengtu, Nanking and Tsingtao according to the United Press.

The demonstrations were reported

to be timed to precede the Kuomintang Party congress this Friday where ratification of the government's accord with the Communist and other democratic parties will be up for consideration.

Strong right-wing opposition to the accord is expected.

### Red Army Is 'Warning To Tyrants'—Pepper

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—A Red Army Day dinner at the Hotel Sherman here was attended by more than 1,000 Chicagoans who donated \$51,470 to Russian Relief.

Sen. Claude Pepper wished long life to the Red Army "as a warning to all tyrants who might attempt conquest." He said the Soviet people want to be our friends, but that "our handling of the atom bomb doesn't ease their minds any."

### Letting Him Down Easy

ALBANY, Feb. 26 (UP).—Herbert Brownell, Jr., resigning as chairman of the Republican National Committee April 1, will play an important role in Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's drive for reelection this fall, it was learned today.

Dewey who hand-picked Brownell for the post to direct his Presidential campaign in 1944, said his long-time political associate will "remain active in public affairs in New York State."

Asked whether Brownell would act as Dewey's campaign manager in the gubernatorial elections, Dewey's press secretary, James C. Hagerty, said Brownell would "be too busy to take any political title."

### Anaconda Strikers Form Vet Group

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, Feb. 26.—Four hundred ex-servicemen, among the CIO workers on strike at the Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. here, organized themselves into a veterans' group today.

Tom Neale, national veterans' director for the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers, addressed the meeting.

A citizens' committee is being formed to support the strike. A preliminary meeting yesterday launched plans for a public forum.

### 1,500 Philadelphians Defy GE Injunction

Special to the Daily Worker

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—A mass picket line of 1,500 CIO electrical workers defied an injunction and kept the big General Electric plant in West Philadelphia shut tight this morning. It was one of the most powerful demonstrations of labor solidarity seen here in years, with big delegations swinging on to the picket lines from Westinghouse, Local 155 and other UE locals. One hundred executives and office workers showed up of one thousand ordered by the company to work. None got by the line.

### Vets Take Fight on Cab Trust to Truman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UP).—Chicago's would-be cab drivers last night mapped plans to carry their protest direct to President Truman.

The veterans appointed one of their number, Matthew Dickholtz, as chairman of a delegation to seek appointments with Mr. Truman and with Justice Department officials in their fight against a Chicago City Council rule limiting the number of cab licenses.

About 500 of them drove here in a "March on Washington" and now are quartered at Camp Simms near the Capitol.

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## Agreement Ends Transit Strike

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McMahon lauded their records in previous labor negotiations and cited the contribution by Meyer and Mrs. Rosenberg in previous disputes. He told the meeting that the Mayor had asked the TWU to submit list of names for the fifth committee member.

### CALLS FOR ORGANIZING

He called on the workers to go out and organize the lines down to the last man and nail yesterday's victory.

The surprise of the meeting came when Hogan, president of Local 100, appeared. Hogan was discharged from the Army yesterday. The unionists rose to their feet in a standing ovation.

McMahon told the meeting that Murray had urged the TWU leaders over the past four days that if the city didn't back down on its position, the only thing the TWU could do was to "give it to them" on Tuesday night (the date originally set for the strike).

Other speakers were John Santo, director of organization; Gustav Faber, secretary-treasurer of Local 10, and Harry Sacher, TWU counsel.

### MAIN QUESTION

Quill, while waiting to confer with the Mayor and Murray, told reporters that the main question before the new Transit Committee would be the \$2 a day wage increase. Declaring that the committee would have the problem of "genuine collective bargaining," the TWU leader expressed confidence that the issue would now be solved.

A reporter asked Quill if it was true, as reported, that he was "angry" with some of the terms of the agreement. Quill replied:

"My signature is on the agreement and I would never sign any document I was angry at."

Mayor O'Dwyer, looking pleased and relieved at the new turn in the transit situation, said the committee "would lose no time" in getting to work. He emphasized that it would probe the "whole problem of the Transport Workers Union and the Transportation Board."

Asked whether the committee would also assess demands of other agencies claiming representation of transit workers, the Mayor said that was "a reasonable" assumption.

Police Commissioner Wallander,

who attended the press conference, announced that the police alert will be discontinued and the disaster control machinery disbanded.

The Mayor and Sarnoff, who was

also present at the City Hall session, went on the air at 3 p.m. over all stations and read the terms of the agreement which kept the city's transit wheels rolling.

**TWU Thanks the Public**

The Transport Workers Union yesterday thanked thousands of public-spirited citizens who supported its drive for improved conditions and welcomed the solution of the dispute. The TWU statement read:

The Transport Workers Union welcomes this solution of the transit crisis. From the beginning of this dispute, our union has repeatedly expressed its desire for negotiation, mediation or arbitration of the issues at stake. We are delighted with the statesmanlike formula announced by Mayor O'Dwyer and President Philip Murray.

The committee headed by Arthur S. Meyer, chairman of the State Board of Mediation, will, in our opinion, give us our long-sought right to negotiate for wages, hours, working conditions, union security, grievance machinery and genuine collective bargaining.

A collective bargaining election will now enable the workers to demonstrate by peaceful means their overwhelming support of the Transport Workers Union and its constructive program. While the question of sole collective bargaining has been eliminated from the scope of the committee's

study, we are confident that out of an election will come up-to-date labor relations including a signed contract with the Transport Workers Union—a contract providing for grievance and arbitration machinery and union security provisions.

The Transport Workers Union has spotlighted the dire plight of the city transit workers. Mayor O'Dwyer has publicly acknowledged the justice of the TWU demands for increased wages and improved working conditions. This committee gives us the collective bargaining rights which the Board of Transportation denied us.

Our confidence in the members of the Transport Workers Union on the city lines has been fully justified by their discipline, courage, responsibility and readiness to make sacrifices for all the workers in the transit system whether members of the TWU or not. To the thousands of New Yorkers who contributed money to tell our story to the public through paid advertisements and who otherwise gave us assurances of support, we express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude.

DOUGLAS L. MacMAHON,  
President, Local 100.

## ACA to Fight Levy's Switch in Arbitrators

A meeting of 3,500 members of the American Communications Association, CIO, meeting last night at the Hotel St. George, voted to empower the union's strategy committee to take any action, including an appeal of Judge Aaron Levy's switch in arbitrators, or any other actions necessary to win the fight.

The Western Union strike here showed signs yesterday of resuming.

The flare-up came as angry officials of the CIO American Communications Association met to take action on Justice Aaron J. Levy's substitution of Abraham Pomerantz as arbitrator by Samuel Seabury, attorney and known foe of labor.

At a press conference, several hours after Justice Levy's decision, ACA president Joseph Selly declared the union would seek a reversal of Justice Levy's ouster of Pomerantz.

Selly declared Justice Levy "had shamefully succumbed to the pres-

sure of the company," and that "no consideration of law was given by Justice Levy himself to the justice of the decision."

As to Seabury's record, Selly said:

"The union might now have to study Seabury's speeches to see what side he is on, and we won't have to look far to see that he has been a consistent, energetic and copious spokesman for anti-union firms, such as Metropolitan Life in its three and a half year battle against the United Office and Professional Workers and Tri-Boro Coach Corporation's fight against the Transport Workers Union."

## Warn Reprisals Will Bring New Bombay Strike

Indian navy men warned in Bombay yesterday that they would strike again if leaders of last week's strike are victimized, as has been threatened by Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, British commander-in-chief in India.

Fourteen members of a strike committee have already been spirited away to unknown destinations, the Indian sailors' central strike committee charged.

As warnings against British reprisals took the spotlight, dispatches from Madras said that police there fired on a crowd of 10,000.

The Madras shooting started when Indian demonstrators stopped the India-Ceylon express on the outskirts of the city, stoning first class passengers and British troops.

Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian National Congress leader, arrived in Bombay yesterday to confer on the situation.

## 1st Negotiations Held in GE Strike

Officials of the General Electric Co. and leaders of the striking CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers met all day yesterday at the offices of Arthur Meyer, mediator appointed by President Truman.

### GM Deadlock Continues

DETROIT, Feb. 26 (UP).—A brief session between General Motors and the CIO Auto Workers Union ended today with Federal labor mediator James F. Dewey admitting "no progress" had been made toward settlement of the 98-day GM strike.

Parleys will resume tomorrow.

The UAW announced it had reached an agreement with Timken-Detroit Axle Co., providing 18½ cents an hour more pay for 5,500 workers.